

Zhu
AF



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor application of:
Blakesley *et al.*

Appl. No.: 09/903,864
Filed: July 13, 2001

For: **Methods and Compositions for
Rapid Protein and Peptide
Extraction and Isolation Using a
Lysis Matrix**

Confirmation No.: 9639
Art Unit: 1653
Examiner: Mohamed, Abdel A.
Atty. Docket: 0942.5050002/RWE/ALS

**Notice of Appeal From the Examiner to the Board
of Patent Appeals and Interferences – Large Entity**

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:


Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the final decision of the Examiner dated October 4, 2004, in which claims 1-18 and 20-40 were finally or twice rejected.

The fee (for a qualified large entity) for filing a Notice of Appeal from the Examiner to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (37 C.F.R. § 41.20(b)(1)), along with any necessary extension fees (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)), is provided in the attached PTO-2038 Credit Card Payment Form. In the event that extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those otherwise provided for herewith are required to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

STERNE, KESSLER, GOLDSTEIN & FOX P.L.L.C.



Aaron L. Schwartz
Attorney for Applicants
Registration No. 48,181

Date: February 4, 2005

1100 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005-3934
(202) 371-2600
361793v1